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In re
Application of: Burton

Serial No.: 09/515,428

Filed: February 29, 2000

For: Process For Hydrolyzing Di-Isopropyl Ether
To Isopropanol By Catalytic Distillation
Using A Solid Acid Catalyst

§ Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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§ Group Art Unit No.: Not Yet Assigned
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§ Attorney Docket No.: 2000B010
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§ Date: January 23, 2002
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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)
and Declaration of Facts

Dear Sir:

This response is to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Notice of Abandonment mailed December 4, 2001. This petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment and attached documents are timely filed on or before February 4, 2002 under 37 CFR 1.181(f).

In response to Patent Application No. 09/515,428, ExxonMobil Chemical Company (ExxonMobil) received the USPTO Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, dated May 4, 2000, requesting a copy of the oath or declaration.

In response to the Office Action, Andrew B. Griffis, USPTO Registration No. 36,336, prepared a response to the Notice of Missing Parts, which included the Transmittal Sheet and Declaration signed by the inventor and fee therefor (a copy of each document is enclosed). Consistent with ExxonMobil Patent Law Department practice, Andrew B. Griffis signed and dated the Transmittal Form and delivered all documents constituting the response to the Notice of Missing Parts to Tamara A. McNabb on June 14, 2000.

Tamara A. McNabb signed and dated the certificate of mailing under 37 CFR 1.8 on June 14, 2000. Ms. McNabb deposited the signed documents with sufficient first class postage and addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, on the date of signing, with the mailroom staff. The mailroom staff, consistent with ExxonMobil Patent Law Department practice, deposited the mail on the same day, June 14, 2000, with the United States Post Office.

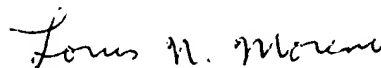
The postcard (a copy of which is enclosed) listing all the documents comprising the response was received from the USPTO with a receipt date of June 19, 2001.

The evidence listed above demonstrates Applicants' timely response to the Notice to File Missing Parts. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner grant the Petition to Withdraw the Notice of Abandonment dated December 4, 2002. Consistent with 37 CFR 1.181(a), no fee is submitted with this petition. Should the Examiner have any questions or require additional information please contact the undersigned.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 23, 2002



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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

"Process For Hydrolyzing Di-Isopropyl Ether To Isopropanol By Catalytic Distillation Using A Solid Acid Catalyst"

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☒ was filed on February 29, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/515,428

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

(Number)

(Country)

(Day/Month/Year Filed)

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Yes

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No

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)(1)-(2) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

(Application Number)

(Filing Date)

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status - patented, pending, abandoned)

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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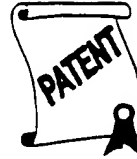
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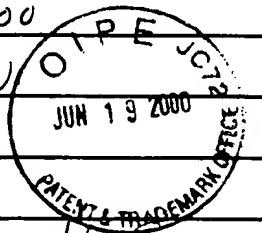
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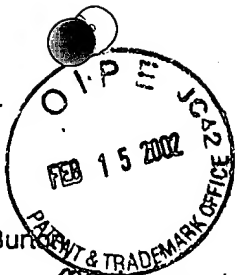
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Tamara A. McNabb

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Transmitted herewith is the Declaration in the above-identified application.

- [✓] Fee for Declaration is \$130.00.
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Sir:

[X] I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on January 23, 2002.

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Transmitted herewith is a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.181(a) and Declaration of Facts in the above-identified application.

- [✓] Fee for Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment is \$0.00.
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- [✓] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1712. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

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